

## CERT 2007 ANNUAL TRAINING

At the conclusion of Cobb CERT's fourth year, we once again offered annual training to all of our members. The annual training scheduled this year included exciting opportunities for members to maximize preparedness efforts and offer support during a crisis. Currently over 600 members are prepared to take care of themselves, their families and neighbors during time of a crisis.

This year's excellent training could be applied toward the mandated annual training requirement. If members completed initial training this year, participated in quarterly skills sustainment, or the Storm Spotter training this year, then they already met 2007's annual training requirement. ALL members were encouraged to participate in annual training even if the training requirements were already been met!

Two training sessions were available:

Monday, December 3, 2007, 8:00 a.m.- 12 noon  
Smyrna Community Center  
200 Village Green Circle, SE, Smyrna, GA 30080

and/or

Saturday, December 8, 2007, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Cobb Public Safety Training Center  
2109 Valor Drive, Marietta, GA 30008

This year, members chose from the following sessions:

- **Box Oven Course** - *This course is a self- preservation course offered so that members can build an oven out of a box to cook meals.*
- **Discussion Panel** - *A panel of representatives from various departments discuss their roles during a disaster and how CERT members could be utilized during a crisis. New CERT members that joined during 2007 have heard the discussion panel during initial training.*
- **Initial Site Assessment** - *This course is designed to train CERT members to assist Cobb EMA with preliminary damage assessments immediately following a disaster. These assessments are used to support requests for State and Federal aid.*
- **Search & Rescue** - *This course covers training on a field search such as a search for a missing child or an Alzheimer's patient, map and compass reading, proper clothing, etc.*
- **Sheltering** - *This course is being presented by the American Red Cross and will certify members to work/volunteer at a Red Cross Shelter.*
- **Rain Barrel** - *This course will teach members to better conserve water by building your own personal barrel.*

Members who chose either the Rain Barrel or the Box Oven course paid a fee to cover all materials needed for these classes. The fee for the Rain Barrel class was \$30 and the fee for the Box Oven class was \$10.

Monday, December 3, 2007

- **16** attended- Search & Rescue
  - **16** attended- Rain Barrel
  - **17** attended- Sheltering
  - **11** attended- Initial Site Assessment
  - **5** attended- Box Oven
- Total- **65**

Saturday, December 8, 2007

- **16** attended- Search & Rescue
  - **18** attended- Rain Barrel
  - **14** attended- Initial Site Assessment
  - **9** attended- Box Oven
- Total- **57**

Combination of both days- 122 members attended annual training